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# Using Encyclopedia Americana® for research projects

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#### There are many ways to find information for your research projects. You can use:

- Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Journals
- Encyclopedias
- The World Wide Web
- Online Databases









## Online Databases are one of the fastest ways to gather research for your project

- Information is from an authoritative source.
- You can access the database from home or from school if you have access to the internet.
- It is faster than searching for information through an internet search engine.





## Why are online databases the best way to find information on the internet?

- The information is accurate. The publisher is a legitimate source of information.
- All of the information you need is found in one location.
  - No need to search through millions of sites
- The articles are designed for research projects and information is clearly organized.
- Information is unbiased.
- Information is current.





## Encyclopedia Americana is an example of an online database

#### You can find:

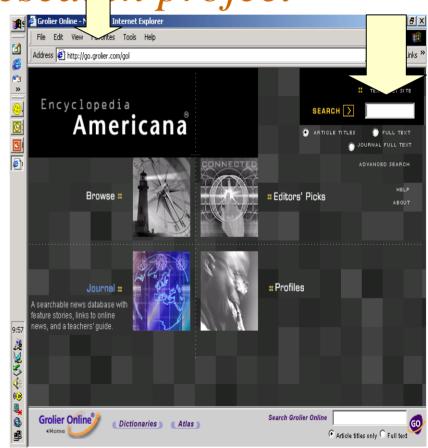
- Encyclopedia articles
- Magazine articles
- Reviewed web sites
- Photos/images/maps
- Tips on completing research projects & more
   All in one great database!





This is an easy way to gather information for your research project

- From school go to the internet and type
  "go.grolier.com" in your address bar
- Click on Encyclopedia Americana
- Type your topic into the search box
- Click on the search button and choose your article



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#### Tips for searching

- You can use a wildcard search if you don't know how to spell a word completely.
  - i.e. afg\* = Afghanistan
- You can use advanced search to help you create a customized search using Boolean operators.
- To use Grolier Online from home ask your media specialist for the password.





#### Let's do a sample search on "Brazil"

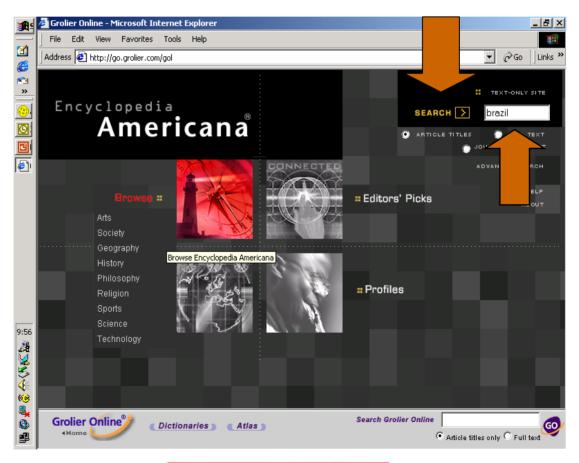
Go to the Grolier Online Homepage and choose Encyclopedia Americana.







- Go to the search box.
- Type in "Brazil" and click on the search icon.







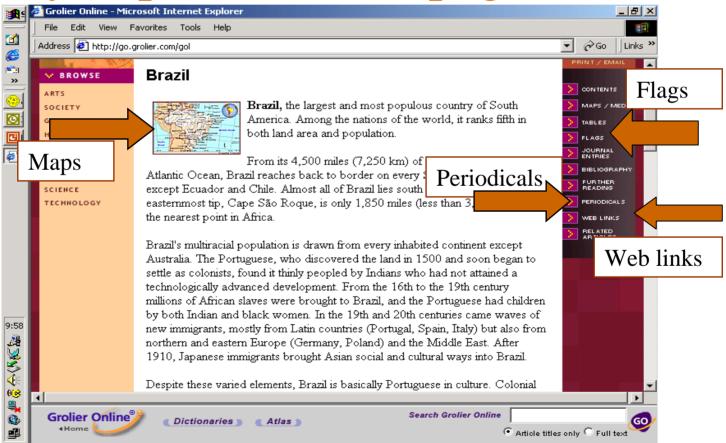
Look at the results page and find your article.







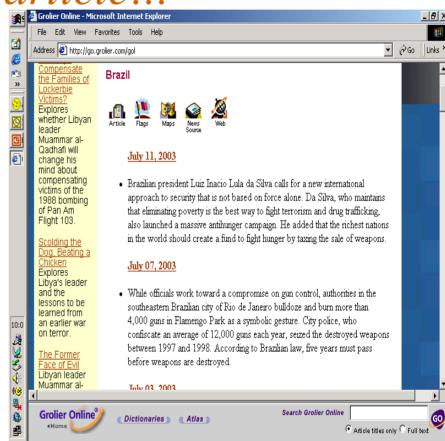
Look at what you can find on an Encyclopedia Article page:





If you don't find all of your information in the encyclopedia article...

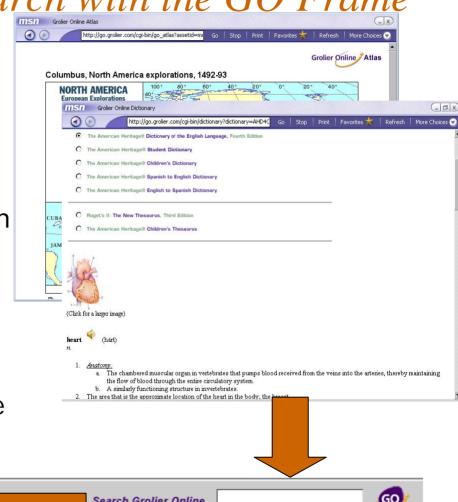
- Click on the Web Links icon to explore great web sites.
- Or try clicking on the periodicals icon to see magazine articles on your topic.
- In articles about countries, click on "journal entries" for up-to-date information about that country.





Find help for your research with the GO Frame

- Looking for a map?
  - Click on the Atlas icon
- Want to know the definition of a word?
  - Click on the Dictionary Icon
- Having trouble searching for a topic?
  - Try the global search by typing your topic in the white box of the GO Frame and click GO!







### Remember Encyclopedia Americana the next time you do a research project

- It is a fast and easy way to get all of your information at one time.
- You can use it anywhere you have access to the internet.
  - Get the password if you want to use it from home!
- Try all of the online databases available at go.grolier.com.
- Have fun with your research!

